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In a statement issued today, the Islamic Council expressed horror and revulsion at the poison gas attack by the Iraqi regime against the Kurdish town of Halabjeh in Iraq.

This attack, which killed thousands of innocent men, women and children and maimed thousands more, the consequences of which will last for years, the statement called heinous and illegal, because outlawed chemical weapons were used. The attack was also a blatant violation of Islamic norms and values and principles of warfare, and it exposed the Iraqi regime's arrogant contempt of Islamic teachings as well as of international laws and conventions.

The Council appealed to governments, the mass media and human rights organisations throughout the world to condemn this barbarity and to prevail upon the Iraqi regime to stop forthwith the use of these outlawed weapons, and warned that failure to act would pose a serious threat of proliferation in their use.

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IRAQI BAATH REGIME'S RAMPANT GENOCIDE AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE

The Islamic Council has expressed its grave concern over the Iraqi regime's military offensive against its own Kurdish population. In a statement issued today, the Council deplored the massacre of these helpless people, and the use of chemical weapons against them. Faced with such murderous onslaught, the Kurds have been forced to seek refuge in Turkey in their tens of thousands, mostly women and children.

Recalling the documented accounts of Amnesty International and the series of reports over the last three years by UN Observers which detailed the use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi regime, and acknowledging that a number of governments and humanitarian organisations around the world have raised their voice in condemnation of the ongoing brutalities against the Iraqi Kurds, the Islamic Council expressed deep disappointment and astonishment that the rulers of a host of Muslim countries, particularly those of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Kuwait, who had wholly and unconditionally supported the Iraqi regime throughout the Gulf war, have conspicuously maintained a total silence over the blatant crimes of the Iraqi Baath regime against a section of its own people in defiance of all humanitarian principles and in contravention of all the spirit and tenets of Islam.

Invoking the moral conscience of the world community to take notice of the suffering of the Iraqi Kurds and not to pass them by in the face of mounting evidence of horrific barbarity against them, the Islamic Council appealed to the Secretary General of the United Nations and called upon the Security Council to bring every pressure to bear on the Iraqi regime and take immediate action to impose necessary sanctions to restrain its inhuman military actions.

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# THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL APPEALS TO WORLD COMMUNITY TO MOBILISE ACTION AGAINST GENOCIDAL CRIMES OF IRAQI BAATH REGIME AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE

The Islamic Council invokes the moral conscience of the world community to stop the horrific barbarity caused by the Iraqi regimes use of chemical weapons which resulted in

OVER 5,000 PEOPLE KILLED BY GAS IN HALABJA

1,000 VILLAGES DESTROYED

100,000 PEOPLE FLEEING TO TURKEY

Calls upon individuals and organisations to petition their governments to take effective actions to put an end to this genocide.

Calls upon the rulers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Kuwait, who gave unconditional support in the Gulf War to the Iraqi regime, to break out of their total silence and condemn these brutal crimes which defy all spirit and tenets of Islam.

Calls upon the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Security Council to bring every pressure to bear on the Iraqi regime and impose necessary sanctions to stop the ongoing military atrocities.

Calls upon all governments and international bodies to extend moral and material support to alleviate the plight of the Iraqi kurds.

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